

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 03-09-30**

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For Work Week Commencing: September 29, 2003

Commission Meeting: September 30, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. ENERGY WEST Docket No. D2003.9.129 (Eric)

On September 4, 2003, Energy West filed an application seeking approval of a \$23,000,000 revolving line of credit with LaSalle Bank of Chicago. This debt will be secured by substantially all of the Company's assets. A default order has been drafted.

2. Qwest Communications Docket No. N2003.9.134 (Scott)

On September 15, 2003, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-24, ISDN Single Line Service (SLS) Promotion. During the proposed promotional period from October 20, 2003, through December 31, 2003, customers subscribing to

ISDN SLS under a one, two, three, or five-year rate stability agreement would receive a \$100 credit for all new lines. Existing customers on month-to-month service would receive a \$50 credit by migrating to one of the stability agreements. In addition nonrecurring charges would be waived on all new lines for month-to month and one, two, three, or five-year rate stability agreements. This promotion is only available where it is technically feasible to provide service and where facilities are available.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2003.4.46 and D2003.5.62 - PSC – FCC Triennial Review. (9/30/03)
2. D2003.6.84 – Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. – EAS Petition. (9/30/03)
3. D2003.8.106 Related – Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. (9/30/03)
4. D2003.8.109 – PSC / Montana Consumer Counsel / NorthWestern Energy - Investigation of NorthWestern Energy. (9/30/03)
5. D2003.6.77 - NorthWestern Energy – Electric Default Tracker. (9/30/03)
6. D2003.8.114 – Montana Large Customer Group, Montana Consumer Counsel and Energy Share - In the Matter of NorthWestern Energy - Segregation of USB Funds. (9/30/03)
7. NorthWestern Energy – Most or All Pending Dockets – NorthWestern Energy Management Requests Related to Bankruptcy Work Load and Determinations. (9/30/03)
8. N2003.9.137 – NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Discuss Any Matter Pertaining to the Bankruptcy. (9/30/03)
9. D2003.8.122 – Mountain Water Company – Power Tracking Adjustment. (9/30/03)
10. **10/2/03 10:00 a.m.** - D2003.5.62 and D2003.4.46 – FCC Triennial Review Order (TRO). (10/2/03)

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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1. CENTURYTEL OF MONTANA N2003.9.136 (Leroy)

On September 18, 2003, CenturyTel filed Tariff P.S.C. MONT. No. 12 to offer a Caller ID Promotion commencing October 18, 2003 and ending November 18, 2003 where customers who subscribe to Caller ID during that time will be offered a reduced rate of \$0.99 for 3 months and free activation. During the same period, customers who subscribe to Voice Mail will get the first month free if they also sign up for an additional line. The company will also waive the nonrecurring charges of the Voice Mail Services Package and offer one month free.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2003.9.136 – CenturyTel – Tariff Transmittal No. 03-6 PSC Mont. No. 12
N2003.9.137 – NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy - For Filing Purposes Only
D2003.9.138 – 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative – House Bill 337 Line Moving Charges
D2003.9.139 – Black Hills Power - Letter of Transmittal Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider
D2003.7.97 – NorthWestern Energy – October Monthly Gas Cost Rate Adjustment
D2003.8.115 – NorthWestern Energy – October Monthly Electric Supply Cost Rate Adjustment